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SUBJECT: ARREST OF CEPE MARKETING DIRECTOR

REF: QUITO 0613

1. CEPE MARKETING DIRECTOR RAMIRO ESTRELLA MOYA WAS ARRESTED BY THE VENEZUELAN TECHNICAL JUDICIAL POLICE (PTJ) AT MAIQUETIA AIRPORT, CARACAS, ON JANUARY 20 AS HE WAS LEAVING VENEZUELA. ACCORDING TO THE PTJ, MORE THAN \$20,000 IN U.S. \$100 BILLS WAS DISCOVERED DURING AN EXAMINATION OF ESTRELLA'S LUGGAGE AND ESTRELLA WAS DETAINED ON SUSPICION OF INVOLVEMENT IN A "BANK ROBBERY". ESTRELLA REPORTEDLY CLAIMED THAT THE SUM CAME FROM HIS SAVINGS IN ECUADOR. ESTRELLA HAS NOW BEEN RELEASED BY THE PTJ.

2. MARIENO ARCAYA, A LOCAL LAWYER AND ESTRELLA'S LEGAL ADVISER, PETITIONED THE 10TH CRIMINAL COURT ON JANUARY 27 TO INVESTIGATE THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF ESTRELLA'S ARREST. ARCAYA CLAIMED THAT ESTRELLA HAD BEEN ILLEGALLY ARRESTED AND FURTHERMORE HAD BEEN PHYSICALLY MISTREATED BY PTJ OFFICERS. ARCAYA STATED THAT WHEN HE WENT TO THE PTJ HEADQUARTERS ON JANUARY 21 TO SEE ESTRELLA, THIS PROVED TO BE IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE THE PTJ HAD TAKEN ESTRELLA TO A HOSPITAL TO PATCH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UP HIS WOUNDS. CONCERNING THE LARGE AMOUNT OF CASH IN ESTRELLA'S POSSESSION, ARCAYA TOLD THE PRESS THAT IT WAS FOR ESTRELLA'S EXPENSES IN VENEZUELA AND OTHER COUNTRIES ON THIS TRIP.

3. COMMENT. IT IS NOT CUSTOMARY FOR THE PTJ TO EXAMINE THE LUGGAGE OF DEPARTING PASSENGERS AT MAIQUETIA. ALTHOUGH WE

HAVE NO CONCRETE INFORMATION,IT APPEARS THAT ESTRELLA WAS
ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF HAVING BEEN PARTY TO A BRIBE.
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